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July 6th, 1915

Colonel Loëie,  
Commandant, 2nd Division,  
Niagara Camp.

Dear Colonel Loëie:

There have been a great many inquiries from the students as to the results of the C.O.T.C. examinations. I have been told that sufficient time has elapsed to have these ready for publication, and many of these men wish to go overseas and need the information before they go. I shall take it as a favour if you will use your influence to have the returns made as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

President.



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Niagara Camp, July 13th. 1915

From General Staff Officer,  
2nd. Division.

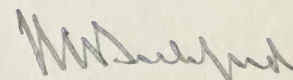
To R.A. Falconer, Esq.,  
President, University of Toronto.

U. Of T. Contingent, C.O.T.C.  
Examinations.

Sir;

With reference to your letter of July 6th. addressed to Colonel Logie, regarding the results of the C.O.T.C. examination, I have the honour to inform you that a complete list of the names of the successful candidates was forwarded to the Secretary, Militia Council Ottawa, on June 24th. 1915.

I have the honour to be  
Sir,  
your obedient servant.



Major.  
G.S.O.



*Shown to Major Lelan*

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The Armouries,

Hamilton, Ont.,

October 28, 1915.

From..... The D.A.A. & Q.M.G.,  
2nd Division.

To..... Dr. R. A. Falconer,  
President,  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Ont.

Rifles C. O. T. C.

With reference to a letter addressed to you under date of 23rd October by the Quartermaster General, I beg to inform you that an effort will be made to provide some rifles for the C.O.T.C. No action can, however, be taken until our return to Toronto next week. For your further information in connection with this matter, I would point out that issues to overseas battalions already authorized are not yet completed and that there are in this Division seven new units in process of being recruited. Under these circumstances it cannot be said that your wishes can be completely met. We shall, however, do our best and you will be advised shortly as to the action which can be taken.

*H.C. Aborne*  
Major,

D.A.A. & Q.M.G., 2nd Division.



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Nov 24<sup>th</sup> / 15

The President,  
Univ. of Toronto.

Dear Sir:-

I have just completed conversations with 100 students over the University C.O.T.C. and kindred subjects. I undertook this to obtain an idea of student opinion and intention in regard to these matters, to be offered as one of the "suggestions" you requested for the War Committee.

Under some of the topics the figures do not add up to 100. This is because in some cases the conversation would turn aside from certain points and if I thought the student desired to avoid them I made no attempt to bring it back. The students have not been selected in any way except this, that the majority of them are medical students, the balance arts. All were men I have known for some time, and I think our talking was as free as between students themselves.

I have gathered the information under four topics

Enrolment in the C.O.T.C.

Previous Military Training

Overseas Service

Opinions on C.O.T.C. - criticisms and suggestions

I hardly think comment of mine is necessary on this information. The students are deeply impressed with the seriousness of the present military situation, personally I feel they regard it as more serious than it really is. I anticipate a very great movement from the the men, well over 25%, during the late winter and spring if there is no decided change in outlook.

Yours sincerely,  
W.H. Pierson.



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I Involvement in C.O.T.C.

Enrolled

- 62 - attend regularly
- 4 - attended irregularly because of football, now that it is about over they will be regular.
- 4 - have not been attending because of recent illness

Not enrolled.

- 10 - are engaged in work at regular hours outside their University work. - one of these is doing machine work on munitions.
- 6 - hold the certificate for which the course is a preparation, of these 4 obtained it through the C.O.T.C. last year and 2 otherwise.
- 4 - have permanent physical disability.
- 5 - doubt if the course as now given yields results proportionate to the time spent on it; they will take a 6 weeks course, if any, at a Military School.
- 3 - are now taking such a course at the school on College St.
- 1 - parental objections
- 1 - finds the university work all he can do.

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II Previous Military Training.

- 23 - had 2 years training in High School Cadet Corps.
- 17 - others had 3 or more years of the same. 6 of these were officers.
- 15 - others had served varying lengths of time with their local militia.
- 45 - no training worth considering.



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#### III Overseas Service

- 16 - have definite intention of enlisting and are now making arrangements to that end. Some of these have their places secured and are awaiting orders to report; others are not so far advanced but expect to have to leave the University during the winter or early spring.
- 12 - others desire to enlist but make it conditional on obtaining a commission, or other service to their liking.
- 18 - others are restrained by parental objections
- 8 - others (medical students) desire to be further on in their course and then join the Army Medical Service.
- 10 - consider enlistment as quite possible but are not more definite
- 14 - do not consider it probable
- 4 - have not considered the matter seriously

#### IV Criticisms and Suggestions. C.O.T.C.

- 9 - consider that more time for "mutual instruction" would be a great benefit. Some of the instructors I gather give their men much more work of this kind than do others.
- 6 - mention as widespread the feeling that the results of last year's Examination failed to correspond at all with the merits of the men; that good work in the University Corps does not meet with the reward it does in the six weeks courses of the military schools, and may bring a man nothing at all.
- 4 - suggest a more concentrated course and more frequent examinations that those with previous experience may profit by it
- 4 - feel an indefiniteness of aim in the course, and in the amount of consideration extended by the Medical Faculty to men taking it
- 2 - mention the effect of drill as lessening the power to study afterward that same day and suggest a whole afternoon a week



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IV (Continued)

for drill in place of 3 shorter periods; along with this a return to 5 P.M. as closing hour for laboratories etc.

2 - protest strongly against the wearing of a uniform by men who have no intention of enlisting.



December 2nd, 1915

Professor W. H. Piersol,  
University of Toronto.

Dear Professor Pairsol:

I have gone over your letter carefully.

I am much indebted to you for the care that you have taken in  
estimating the attitude of students. The letter is both interesting  
and useful.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



